
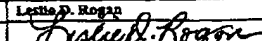


<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  <small>Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. 1450 Alexandria, VA 22304-1450</small>	Application No.	09/208,814
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	Examiner Name	Hrych, Soo P.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
- a. ☐ Previously submitted  
☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unexamined amendment(s) referred to above will be ignored).  
 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  
 iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed  
 i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
 ii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 iii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) required) (required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2668.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)  
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 iii. ☐ Other: (\$00)
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